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SUBJECT: S&T: MICROBIOLOGY (01.07)

1. FYI. REQUEST EMBASSY, WHEN DELIVERING FOLLOWING ROOT LETTER TO AYKAZYAN, EXPLORE INFORMALLY WITH SCST THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING THE SOVIET LEAD AGENCY FOR COOPERATION IN MICROBIOLOGY FROM THE MAIN ADMINISTRATION OF THE MICROBIOLOGICAL INDUSTRY TO THE SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, OR SOME ACADEMY INSTITUTE. COPY OF AYKAZYAN JULY 1 LETTER TO ROOT POUCHED JULY 9. END FYI.

2. 01.07

DR. E. A. AYKAZYAN
CHIEF, SECTION FOR USA
ADMINISTRATION FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS
STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
MOSCOW

DEAR EDOUARD:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JULY 1, WHICH STATES THAT A
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VISIT OF AMERICAN EXPERTS TO A SOVIET PLANT PRODUCING

SINGLE-CELL PROTEIN FROM PARAFFINS COULD TAKE PLACE THIS

YEAR AFTER OUTSTANDING PATENT PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN
RESOLVED AND ASKS FOR A VISIT BY SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO A
U.S. PLANT PRODUCING PROTEIN FROM ETHANOL AND GLUCOSE
FROM CORN STARCH WITH THE HELP OF FERMENTATIVE HYDROLYSIS.

IN THE UNITED STATES THE TECHNOLOGY FOR PRODUCING
GLUCOSE FROM CORN STARCH IS WELL DEVELOPED AND AVAILABLE
COMMERCIALY. A LIST OF U.S. FIRMS WHICH YOU MIGHT WISH
TO CONTACT IN THE CONNECTION IS ENCLOSED. UNDER THESE
CIRCUMSTANCES, THE U.S. SEES NO POINT IN CONTINUING
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION ON THIS SUBJECT.

YOU POINT OUT THAT A VISIT BY AMERICAN EXPERTS TO A
SOVIET PLANT FOR SCP PRODUCTION MUST AWAIT RESOLUTION OF
OUTSTANDING PATENT PROBLEMS. AS YOU KNOW, SOME U.S.
PRIVATE FIRMS HAVE NOT WISHED TO RECEIVE SOVIET EXPERTS
BECAUSE OF SIMILAR DESIRES TO PROTECT SCP PRODUCTION
PROCESSES.

GIVEN THE DESIRE OF BOTH SIDES TO EXCLUDE PRODUCTION
PROCESSES FROM THE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY, IT SEEMS THAT
WE SHOULD REORGANIZE AND RESTRUCTURE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY
IN MICROBIOLOGY, CHANGING FROM AN INDUSTRIAL FOCUS TO AN
ACADEMIC FOCUS.

SINCERELY,

WILLIAM A. ROOT
ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

ENCLOSURE:

CPC INTERNATIONAL
ARGO, ILLINOIS

A. E. STALEY MANUFACTURING COMPANY
DECATUR, ILLINOIS

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